

Increasingly (in fact, almost always) telemarketing calls or junk faxes I receive come with blocked or blatantly fake CIDs and ANIs (for example, I received one this afternoon that showed 888-000-0000 on the CID). Junk faxes are the same--now they also largely come with a complete absence of any header or other ID information, as well as false or absent CID and ANI information. Similarly, I recently got an order for my local carrier (SBC) to "trap" some calls--and the numbers reported back by SBC also were not subscribed numbers.

These actions are obviously illegal, but there seems to be no good mechanism for enforcement. I suggest either legislation or rulemaking that would establish SUBSTANTIAL civil or criminal penalties for spoofing or blocking CID or ANI information on telemarketing calls or faxed advertisements.

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